suitable conditions to indigent people of all communities so that they might live by agriculture, in view of the fact that agriculture was being taught in all the schools at present.

MR. RANGASWAMI IYENGAR said that the rich men were always in the way of poor people getting any lands on darkhast applications.

THE SECOND MEMBER OF COUNCIL observed that each case had to be considered on its merits and wherever the extent of land was limited, such restrictions had to be imposed.

At this stage, the Assembly adjourned for lunch and re-assembled at 3-45 p.m.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

MR. S. P. BRAHMAPPA (Hassan Municipality).—

Q.—4. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) The number of applications received by the Deputy Commissioner, the Sub-Division Officers and Amildars of the Hassan District, complaining against the misappropriation of revenues by the village officers of Hassan District for the past five years?

(*b*) The action taken by each of the officers on the various applications?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, GENERAL DEPARTMENTS.—

A.—4. (*a*)

	Name of Taluk	*No.*
1.	Hassan	2
2.	Manjarabad ..	3
3.	Belur	5
4.	Arsikere	4
5.	Chennarayapatna ..	11
6.	Hole-Narasipur ..	4
7.	Arkalgud	17
8.	Alur	2

(*b*) Hassan Taluk .. In one case the Patel was suspended for 2 years and in the other case the Shanbhogue was suspended.

Manjarabad Taluk.. In one case the Patel was dismissed.

In one case the Patel was fined.

In one case the Shanbhogue was fined.

Belur Taluk ..	In 2 cases Patels were dismissed.
	In 2 cases Patels were fined.
	In one case Patels were warned.
Arsikere Taluk ..	All the cases are pending investigation.
Chennarayapatna Taluk	All the cases are pending investigation.
Hole-Narsipur Taluk	All the cases were against a single Shanbhogue and he has been ordered to be prosecuted.
Arkalgud Taluk ..	Fourteen cases have been disposed of under Departmental rules.
	Three cases are under investigation.
Alur Sub-Taluk..	In these cases the Shanbhogs were suspended for temporary mis-appropriation.

Supplementary Questions and Answers.

Mr. S. P. Brahmappa.—

With reference to the answer in regard to the Arkalgud Taluk, will Government be pleased to state on what dates the 17 applications referred to were received ?

General Secretary to Government.—

The question requires notice.

Mr. S. P. Brahmappa.—

Is it not possible to prosecute all the village officers for defalcation on the strength of the receipts held by the raiyats in proof of payment of revenues ?

Revenue Commissioner.—

It is not possible to institute prosecutions in all cases. In whatever cases criminal action was not possible, departmental action has been taken. If, in any case, you consider that the punishment meted out is not adequate, you give me a list of such cases confidentially and I shall make enquiries.

Mr. S. P. Brahmappa.—

It is stated that three cases are under investigation. What is the cause of delay ?

General Secretary to Government.—

I want notice of that question. However, I shall inquire into the matter.

Mr. S. P. Brahmappa.—

My information is that many cases have at present been hushed up by the Department. May I know if further inquiries will be made in this behalf if receipts for payments made by the raiyats are produced ?

The Revenue Commissioner.—

I shall make detailed inquiries about the complaints and take needful action, if you furnish the necessary particulars.

Mr. S. V. Gurumurthiacharya.—

May I know to how many persons the eleven applications in the Chamarajanagar Taluk refer ?

The Revenue Commissioner.—

Perhaps eleven persons.

Mr. S. V. Gurumurthiacharya.—

It is stated that in the Hassan Taluk the patel was suspended for two years and that the shanbhog was suspended. May I know what is the period of suspension in the latter case ?

The Revenue Commissioner.—

Six months.

Mr. S. V. Gurumurthiacharya.—

What is the period for which the shanbhogs of the Alur Sub-Taluk were suspended ?

The Revenue Commissioner.—

Six months.

Mr. S. V. Gurumurthiacharya.—

Who was the authority that dismissed the patels in the Manjarabad and Belur Taluks ? Is it the Assistant Commissioner or the Deputy Commissioner ?

The Revenue Commissioner.—

That requires notice. What does it matter who dismissed them ? It is, however, understood that the cases had been brought to the notice of the Deputy Commissioner.

Mr. S. V. Gurumurthiacharya.—

Is it not possible to introduce the rules in force in British India which are very rigorous in this respect ?

The Revenue Commissioner.—

Our rules are not by any means less rigorous. If you consider that any undue leniency has been shown in any particular case and if you give me particulars of it, I shall take needful action.

Mr. E. Krishnappa.—

It is stated that in Alur two shanbhogs were suspended for temporary misappropriation. Have shanbhogs the power to collect the land revenue ?

Revenue Commissioner.—

No, but they do it.

Mr. E. Krishnappa.—

Why not enforce the rule in the Land Revenue Code on this matter ?

Second Member of Council.—

But if they do it never-the-less ? The rules are that patels should collect. Although this rule is transgressed, the amount is credited to the treasury and so long as this is done, there is no trouble.

Mr. E. Krishnappa.—

Is it not wrong to allow collections by shanbhogs ?

Second Member of Council.—

The shanbhog has no power to collect under the Land Revenue rules. It should be done by the patel.

Mr. E. Krishnappa.—

If the shanbhog still collects, will Government punish him ?

Second Member of Council.—

No.

Mr. E. Krishnappa.—

Will the Government issue orders to say that the shanbhog should not collect the land revenue ?

Second Member of Council.—

The rule is well known and no further orders are necessary.

Mr. E. Krishnappa.—

What is the function of the shanbhog in the collection of land revenue ? If he is not authorised to collect the land revenue, would he be punished if he does it ?

Second Member of Council.—

He is there only to help the patel in the maintenance of the accounts.

Mr. E. Krishnappa.—

Then how is it that for non-collection of revenue many Shanbhogs are punished ?

Revenue Commissioner.—

Not one is punished for that. The punishment you refer to is due to the fact that he did not help the patel in the maintenance of accounts.

Mr. B. P. Basappasetty.—

Can Government give reasons for such misappropriations ? Is it not due to the inadequate men that are employed ?

Revenue Commissioner.—

It is difficult to get proper kind of men in the malnad.

Mr. B. P. Basappasetty.—

Is not the present hereditary system of village officers one of the contributory causes of defalcation ?

Second Member of Council.—

Government cannot give opinion.

Mr. B. P. Basappasetty.—

Why not employ paid men as being more useful ?

Second Member of Council.—

There are reasons on both sides.

Mr. B. P. Basappasetty.—

Can you give one or two reasons ?

Second Member of Council.—

That does not arise out of the question.

Mr. B. P. Basappasetty.—

Will not a change to the salaried system remedy this evil?

Second Member of Council.—

Thank you for your opinion.

Mr. Nilgiri Sanjeeviah.—

Wherever patels are dismissed for defalcations, was it not due to the mistakes of the shanbhogs ?

Second Member of Council.—

No.

Mr. Nilgiri Sanjeeviah.—

Can the details of defalcations be given ?

Second Member of Council.—

Notice is required.

Mr. Nilgiri Sanjiviah.—

How much money is involved in all those cases ?

Second Member of Council.—

Notice is required.

Dewan.—

How can we say that ? If you point out concrete cases, the matter will be enquired into.

Mr. B. S. Puttaswamy.—

If the shanbhogs collect the land revenue, is it not against the rules ?

Second Member of Council.—

It follows.

Mr. B. S. Puttaswamy.—

In that case, should not action be taken against them ?

Second Member of Council.—

If the matter is brought to notice, Government will deal with them.

Mr. B. S. Puttaswamy.—

Have you not received information about this ?

Revenue Commissioner.—

Yes, indirectly in some cases.

Mr. B. S Puttaswamy.—

Then why not punish them ?

Second Member of Council.—

It may be done, but the patel also will be held equally responsible.

Mr. B. S. Puttaswamy.—

When the rule lays down that the patel alone is responsible for the revenue collections, if the shanbhog takes the money and does not give a receipt therefore to the landowner, should not Government enforce the existing rules ?

Second Member of Council.—

The rules are quite clear and they are enforced as far

as possible. If both the shanbhog and the patel co-operate in the collection work, no trouble arises ; but when there is misunderstanding between them, discrepancies occur, when enquiries are made and the guilty punished.

Mr. S. Venkataswami.—

Are not these defalcations due to the poverty of the village officers ?

Second Member of Council —

Cannot say; it may be due to poverty or other reasons also.

Dharmaprakasa D. Banumaiya.—

Are we not in order in paying the assessment to the shanbhog when he demands it ?

Second Member of Council.—

The rules say that it must be paid to the patel and you are free to tell the shanbhog so if he demands it. If the money you pay him reaches the treasury, it is no offence ; otherwise, it is.

Mr. B. S. Puttaswamy.—

Are not Government aware of cases where the shanbhogs after collecting the revenue have failed to remit the amount into the treasury and when lands are brought to auction for non-payment of revenue, the authorities have turned round and told the parties that they should not have paid the amount to the shanbhog ?

Second Member of Council.—

Your question requires notice.

Mr. B. S. Puttaswamy.—

Will Government now at least take action to prevent the shanbhogs from collecting the revenue ?

Second Member of Council.—

We will see what action to take.

Mr. H. B. Gundappa.—

Have Government issued any circular warning the

shanbhogs against encroaching upon the duties of the patels in respect of collection work ? When the shanbhogs go against the rules and collect revenue, is it not tantamount to cheating and misappropriation ?

Second Member of Council.—

If a complaint comes, we will go into the matter. There is a rule already with definite instructions. If you pay the money to A or B depending upon his good faith, how can we say 'don't pay the money to him' ?

Mr. H. B. Gundappa.—

If the subordinate officers transgress the rules, should not the higher authority take suitable notice of it ?

Second Member of Council.—

If complaints are received, action will be taken.

Mr. H. B. Gundappa.—

With reference to the reply that 14 cases in the Arkalgud taluk have been disposed of under the departmental rules, may I know the nature of the disposals ?

Second Member of Council.—

By dismissals, suspensions, etc., or fines.

Mr. H. B. Gundappa.—

Seeing that so many as 14 cases of defalcations have occurred in a single taluk, should not Government mete out exemplary punishments to the offenders ?

Second Member of Council.—

It will depend upon the seriousness of the offence in each case.

Mr. H. B. Gundappa.—

If in a single taluk there were as many defalcations as 17, is it not a matter for Government to take serious notice ?

Second Member of Council.—

After all, 17 cases for five years cannot be considered to be a large number.

Mr. H. B. Gundappa.—

What is the amount of misappropriation involved in each case ?

Revenue Commissioner.—

Requires notice.

Mr. S. N. M. Razvi.—

Of the patel and the shanbhog, may I know who is superior to whom ?

Second Member of Council.—

That does not arise out of the question.

MR. G. CHANNAPPA (Holalkere Taluk) and MR. M. GURUSIDDAPPA (Davangere Municipality).—

Q.—9. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) When was the Compulsory Education scheme extended to Davangere town?

(*b*) Whether the scheme is still in force in the said area?

(*c*) Whether any prosecutions were launched under the said Regulation in Davangere since its extension to the said town?

(*d*) When was the present Compulsory Education Committee formed? Who are the members and Chairman of the said Committee?

(*e*) Whether the Compulsory Education Committee held any meetings since its formation and if so, how many times this Committee met and what business have they transacted?

(*f*) Whether any prosecutions were launched under the said Regulation after the formation of the present Committee? If so, how many? If not, why not?

(*g*) Whether the present Committee is doing any active work to enforce compulsory education in Davangere municipal area?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENTS.—

A.—9. (*a*) 22nd December 1914.

(*b*) Yes, it is in force.